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His Majesties most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, on *Saturday* the 30th of *May*, 1685.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Thank you very heartily for the Bill you have presented Me this day, And I assure you, the Readiness and Chearfulness that has attended the Dispatch of it, is as acceptable to Me as the Bill it self; After so happy a Beginning, you may believe I would not Call upon you unnecessarily for an extraordinary Supply; But when I tell you that the Stores of the Navy and Ordnance are extremely Exhausted, That the Anticipations upon several Branches of the Revenue are Great and Burthensom, That the Debts of the King My Brother to His Servants and Family are such as deserve Compassion, That the Rebellion in Scotland, *without putting more weight upon it than it really deserves must oblige Me to a Considerable Expence extraordinary: I am sure such Considerations will move you to give Me an Aid to provide for those Things, wherein the Security, the Ease and the Happiness of My Government are so much Concerned; But above all, I must Recommend to you the Care of the Navy, the Strength and Glory of this Nation, That you will put it into such a Condition, as may make Us Considered and Respected Abroad: I cannot express My Concern upon this Occasion more suitable to My own Thoughts of it, than by assuring you, I have a True* English *Heart, as Jealous of the Honour of the Nation as you can be; And I please My Self with the Hopes, That by Gods Blessing, and your Assistance, I may carry the Reputation of it yet higher in the World, than ever it has been in the Time of any of My Ancestors; And as I will not Call upon you for Supplies, but when they are of Publick Use and Advantage, so I promise you, That what you give Me upon such Occasions, shall be Managed with good Husbandry; And I will take Care it shall be Employed to the Uses for which I ask them.*

Edinburg, May 28. We have now certain Intelligence that the late Earl of *Argile* Landed on *Wednesday* the 20th Instant at *Lockhead* alias *Campletown*, eight Miles from the *Mull-head* of *Kintire* on the South-side, and two days after sent through the Country the following Summons Signed by himself.

Campletown, May 22. 1685.

BEing by Gods Blessing come safe to this Place, with a Resolution according to a Declaration emitted for Defence of the Protestant Religion, and our Lives and Liberties, against Popery and Arbitrary Government; and all the Sensible Men of Ila *being come this length, and this Country being together this day at a general Rendezvous:*

These are to require all the Heretors, Tenants and others, and all the Fensible Men within the Division of Cowal, *between Sixty and Sixteen, with all their useful Arms, and two weeks Loan, to come to the* Tarbert *against* Tuesday *the 26th Instant, at Twelve of the Clock without fail, or sooner if possible.*

ARGYLL.

To back this Order his Son *Charles* went into *Cowal*, and sent Letters to several Gentlemen to come to him without any pretence of excuse, otherwise he would put all to Fire and Sword; and accordingly has burnt the Houses of several Gentlemen and others of that Country who have joyned the Kings Army. We do not yet know the certain number of the Rebels, but sure it is, that most of those that are with them are come by force, and fear of having their Houses burnt, and themselves murdered; though according to the best account we have they are about the Number mentioned in our last. There are now in Arms of the Heretors, Militia and Highlanders upwards of 22000 Men, which through the extraordinary care and vigilance of the Lord High Commissioner, the Lord High Chancellor, and the rest of His Majesties Ministers and Privy Council, with the Zeal of the People to serve His Majesty, were raised in seven days, and are now actually posted and disposed as the General Officers have thought most for His Majesties Service; of which a Body of between 6 and 7000 are already gone into *Argile-Shire*, under the Command of the Marquis of *Athol*, the Earl of *Braid Albin*, Sir *Ewan Cameron*, and several other Gentlemen of considerable Followings. It's believed the Kings Ships are by this time upon that Coast.

Venice, May 18. A great Convoy is gone to the Fleet, consisting in six Men of War, and several other Ships, to the number of 30 in all; and another Convoy is preparing, which will be sent with the Troops we expect from *Saxony*. We have advice from the *Morea*, that the Turks do extreamly trouble the Greeks, who are inclined to put themselves under the Protection of the Republick, and that they have killed many of them. The Prince of *Savoy* is arrived here in his way for *Hungary*. He is Brother to him who was killed there two years ago. Three Vessels are hired to carry 2000 Sacks of Corn, which the Pope gives the Morlacks, to *Dalmatia*. The 13th Instant two Brothers of the Family of *Bonlini* were received into the Number of the Nobility, they paying each 100 thousand Ducats; and Signior *Sandi* has offered a like Sum to be admitted to that Dignity. We have advice from *Zara* that 8000 Turkish Horse and 4000 Foot were Encamped near *Olin*; and that Signior *Paulo Michiel*, General of the Cavalry, hath had a Conference at *Spalatro* with the Proveditore General *Pulier*, who was there indisposed, and that they had resolved to enter upon some considerable Action. We have an account by a Vessel come from *Athens*, That the Turks, who had defeated the Mainotes, being re-inforced with some Troops brought them by a Bassa, had pursued them several Miles, but that the Mainotes rallying, and being strengthened with some fresh Troops, had returned to the Charge with so much Vigour and Courage, that of 3500 Turks there escaped but 140, and but two of a Company of Athenians of 130 Men.

Genoua, May 2. This Week arrived here the *Mary* from *Lisbon* and the Coast of *Spain*. Three Galleys of this State are ordered for *Marseilles* to bring from thence the Doge and the four Senators. Another is ordered for *Palermo*, and a Fifth for *Alicant*, which last is to carry the Ambassador the Republick is sending to the Court of *Spain*. The

Galleys